

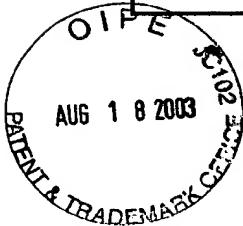
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing.

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.	59/882,627
Filing Date	January 15, 2001
First Named Inventor	John G. Ciesar
Group Art Unit	3711
Examiner Name	Mitra Aryanpour
Attorney Docket Number	205557-0008



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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, of the above-identified application.

Submissions Included:
Preliminary Amendment
Petition for 2-month Extension of Time

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CLAIMS							
	(1)	(2) CLAIMS FILED WITH RCE	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) BASIC FEE \$375
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	MINUS		32	0	X \$9	0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS		3	0	X \$42	0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE ----□					375.00		

Applicant claims small entity status

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. **50-1965** with the total filing fee and any shortage or overpayment of the fees associated with this communication. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Date: August 13, 2003

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